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High Surf Advisory in Effect; Inexperienced Swimmers Advised to Stay Out of the Water

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office advised a northwest swell, generated by strong gale-force winds behind a cold front located south of Japan, continues to affect the Marianas.

Inexperienced swimmers should remain out of the water due to dangerous conditions.

A **high surf advisory** is in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan until 6 p.m. Thursday. Large breaking waves of 8 to 10 feet are expected along north facing reefs of the Marianas.

A **high risk of rip currents** remains in effect for north and east facing reefs of Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan through late Wednesday night. Rip currents can sweep even the best swimmers away from the shore into deeper water. Inexperienced swimmers should remain out of the water due to dangerous conditions. If caught in a rip current, do not swim against the current. Swim in a direction following the shoreline, face the shore and call or wave for help.

A **small craft advisory** remains in effect for the coastal waters of Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan until 6 a.m. Wednesday. Seas of 7 to 10 feet are expected. Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid navigating in hazardous conditions.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) remind the community to avoid hazardous seas and dangerous rip currents, especially north and east facing reefs and beaches. Heed the advice of lifeguards, beach patrol flags, and signs.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

- NWS Website: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- NWS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>
- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
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